

South King County Projects Update

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Crews detour southbound I-5 traffic onto SR 167 to begin repairs on the S. 178th Street overpass

This weekend crews will remove a [damaged bridge girder](#) on the S. 178th Street Bridge over southbound I-5. The girder was damaged when a vehicle exceeding the height limit on I-5 [struck the overpass](#) on Dec. 13, 2006. Crews will start closing lanes on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. with all lanes of southbound I-5 closed between the I-405 interchange and S. 188th Street by 11:30 p.m. Crews will start reopening lanes at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 with all lanes open by noon. The S. 178th Street overpass will also be completely closed during the removal work. These closures will ensure the safety of drivers and construction workers during the repairs. A [signed detour](#) using northbound I-405, southbound SR 167 and westbound SR 516 will be in place during the total closure.

Crews plan to use the same detour route when they close southbound I-5 the following weekend to install the replacement girder.

Crews to begin replacement of Thunder Hills Creek culvert under I-405 in Renton

In March, we will begin installing a new culvert to carry [Thunder Hills Creek under I-405 in Renton](#). WSDOT crews will install the new culvert by tunneling under I-405. Drivers should expect [nighttime lane closures](#) for the next two to three months while we complete this work.

The original culvert collapsed in the Dec. 3 storm. Currently a [temporary pump and pipe system](#) is diverting Thunder Hills Creek away from the damaged culvert. The creek is currently being diverted into a culvert system to the north. In case of sizeable storm event, there is a system in place to divert larger creek flows along the northbound shoulder of I-405, on Talbot Road (SR 515) under I-405 and into a wetland.

Stay safe, winter is not over

WSDOT [crews have worked hundreds of hours already this winter season](#) to keep mountain passes and other highways in the Puget Sound area in safe driving

condition. But winter is not over yet and during this break in the weather WSDOT maintenance crews are making sure that they are ready for the next winter blast. Drivers are urged to take time to prepare for winter driving conditions as well.

Know before you go:

- Get [up-to-date traffic and construction information](#) from our Web site
- Look at [mountain pass conditions](#) throughout the state online
- Check out [weather information and road temperatures](#)
- Call the 511 driver information phone line for real-time traffic, incident and closure information. Have a passenger call 511 for current traffic and weather information. TTY users can call 1-800-833-6388. Out of state callers can use 1-800-695-ROAD (7623).
- Use your cellular phone or PDAs Web service to [access the Seattle area traffic flow map, ferry schedules, mountain pass reports](#)

Once on the road:

- On ice and snow, take it slow
- Pay extra attention to bridges, curves and shady spots
- Stay back from snow clearing equipment
- Allow more time to travel
- Keep a safe driving distance from the vehicle in front of you
- Turn off the cruise control
- [Check out our list](#) of winter emergency kit items, more safe driving tips and information on mountain pass travel advisories.

Fill it up again! program helps move commuters during I-405 construction

WSDOT and King County Metro are sponsoring a program to keep commuters moving on I-405 during construction. King County Metro vanpools and vanshare participants may be eligible for up to \$400 in rewards. Carpoolers to Bellevue and Renton may be eligible for up to \$625 in rewards. Get complete details by dialing 206-625-4500 or visiting [ride share](#) online.

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